

**Listing of Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1 through 42 (canceled)

Claims 43-53 (withdrawn)

Claim 54 (canceled)

Claim 55 (canceled)

Claim 56. (currently amended) The computer implemented system of ~~for~~ promoting intellectual property according to claim 6554, including:

a computer program module ~~for~~ searching a desired grouping of ~~intellectual property items~~ inventions having at least one common feature prior to selecting said at least one ~~intellectual property item~~ invention.

Claim 57. (currently amended) The computer implemented system ~~for promoting intellectual property~~ according to claim 56, wherein:

said program module for searching provides said at least one common feature to be one of a Standard Industrial Classification code and a North American Industry Classification System code.

Claim 58. (canceled)

Claim 59. (canceled)

Claim 60. (currently amended) The computer implemented system ~~for promoting intellectual property~~ according to claim 65 ~~54~~, wherein:

said at least one database further includes at least one confidential information item for said inventions ~~intellectual property items~~, respectively.

Claim 61. (currently amended) The computer implemented system ~~for promoting intellectual property~~ according to claim 60, including:

a computer program module operable to provide said one confidential information item to be viewable only by said customer stations and by said industry stations, respectively.

Claim 62. (canceled)

Claim 63. (canceled)

Claim 64. (canceled)

Claim 65. (New) A computer implemented system promoting inventions over the Internet communications network, the system comprising:

- a host computer station connected to said network and having a database with stored descriptions of respective inventions;

- plural consumer computer stations operatively connected over the network with said host computer;

- a computer program module selecting certain ones of said inventions by reference to the stored invention descriptions and thereafter providing feedback data regarding the desirability of the selected inventions;

- a computer program module forwarding said feedback data from each of said consumer computer stations to said host computer station and consolidating such data to provide an information summary of consumer desirability for the selected invention;

- plural industry computer stations operatively connected over the network with said host computer and specifically identified by said host computer as authorized to access such information summary; and

- a computer program module transferring such information to said authorized industry computer stations.